



Frank Keating
Governor

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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-31

I, Frank Keating, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 2 of Article 6 of the Oklahoma Constitution and the "Oklahoma Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act", Section 570 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes do hereby find that a prison overcrowding emergency does not exist.

The Department of Corrections has the ability to negotiate with and lease beds from private prison vendors if the need for prison beds exceeds current capacity. When the Oklahoma Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act was passed in 1984, the Department did not have this authority.

For as long as necessary, the Department of Corrections has the authority and procedural guidelines to make use of beds provided by private vendors. Continued use of this process assures a higher level of safety for the citizens of Oklahoma.

Copies of this executive order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Public Safety and the Director of the Department of Corrections who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 10th day of November, 1999.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Keating", written over a horizontal line.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Hunter", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State